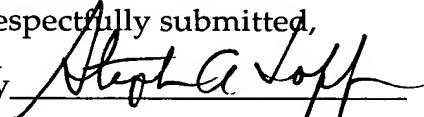


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 are presently pending. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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